



December 1, 2011

Advice Letter No. 1465-WA

(U 133 W)

California Public Utilities Commission

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) hereby transmits one original and three conformed copies of the following tariff sheets applicable to its Santa Maria Customer Service Area:

<u>CPUC Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling CPUC Sheet No.</u>
Revised No. 6175-W*	Schedule No. SM-1-R Santa Maria Customer Service Area Residential Metered Service	Revised No. 6150-W
Revised No. 6176-W*	Schedule No. SM-1-NR Santa Maria Customer Service Area Non-Residential Metered Service	Revised No. 6151-W
Revised No. 6177-W*	Schedule No. SM-3ML Santa Maria Customer Service Area Limited Metered Irrigation Service	Revised No. 6152-W
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Subject: 2012 Escalation Rates for Santa Maria

Supplement

Supplement to Advice Letter 1465-W, 2012 Escalation Year increase for Santa Maria. This supplemental filing is being made to modify Advice Letter 1465-W as a result of the Commission's staff review. GSWC used the September 2011 escalation factors in the original advice letter filing. Advice Letter 1465-W has been revised, using the October 2011 Escalation factors. This supplemental filing will replace Advice Letter 1465-W in its entirety.

Purpose

This advice letter requests implementation of the 2012 Escalation Year rates for GSWC's Santa Maria customer service, as set forth in Decision No. 10-12-059, dated December 16, 2010.

Request

GSWC is filing this advice letter to implement rates for Escalation Year 2012. GSWC is authorized to modify rates in its Santa Maria customer service area by (\$27,800) or -0.3% in 2012. The rate change is based on the September 2011 escalation factors determined by the Division of Water and Audits (DWA).

Rate of Return

The following summary lists the recorded, authorized, and pro-forma rates of return in GSWC's Santa Maria customer service area for twelve months ending September 2011. The pro forma rate of return is calculated in accordance with guidelines provided by DWA.

Recorded	8.43%
Authorized	8.90%
Pro forma	7.98%

Existing Rates

The present rates in Santa Maria became effective November 1, 2011, via Advice Letter No. 1460-W.

Rate Impact

Based on the current rates in the Santa Maria customer service area, a residential customer on Schedule No. SM-1-R with a 5/8 x 3/4" meter, using 18 Ccfs per month will experience a decrease of \$0.16 or 0.36% from \$43.72 to \$43.57.

Two copies of detailed workpapers supporting the proposed rate change calculations are being supplied to the Commission Staff under a separate cover.

Effective Date

The effective date of these revised tariffs shall be January 1, 2012. These tariff sheets are to be approved by the Commission's Division of Water and Audits.

Tier Designation

Pursuant to D. 07-01-024, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation.

Protest And Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response supports the filing and may contain information that proves useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds are:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;
- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding; or
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require re-litigating a prior order of the Commission.)

A protest shall provide citations or proofs where available to allow staff to properly consider the protest.

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: water_division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy by mail (or e-mail) to us, addressed to:

Golden State Water Company
ATTN: Ronald Moore
630 East Foothill Blvd.
San Dimas, CA 91773
Fax: 909-394-7427 or
E-mail: rkmoore@gswater.com

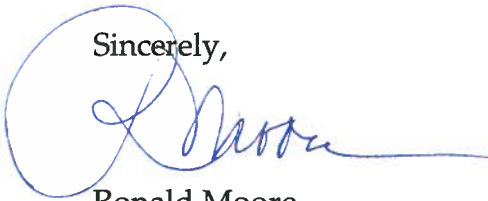
If you have not received a reply to your protest within 10 business days, contact this person at 909-394-3600 ext. 682.

Cities and counties that need Board of Supervisors or Board of Commissioners approval to protest should inform the Water Division, within the 20 day protest period, so that a late filed protest can be entertained. The informing document should include an estimate of the date the proposed protest might be voted on.

The actions requested in this advice letter are not now the subject of any formal filings with the California Public Utilities Commission, including a formal complaint, nor action in any court of law.

No individuals or utilities have requested notification of filing of tariffs. Distribution of this advice letter is being made to the attached service list in accordance with General Order No. 96-B.

Sincerely,



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Senior Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Affairs

- c: Jim Boothe, CPUC – Division of Water and Audits
- Danilo Sanchez, CPUC- Water Branch, DRA
- Hani Moussa, CPUC- Water Branch, DRA

**Schedule No. SM-1-R
Santa Maria District
RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE**

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all residential metered water services provided to single-family residential customers.

TERRITORY

Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County.

RATES

	<u>Per Meter</u>	
	<u>Per Month</u>	
Quantity Rates:		
First 1,500 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 1.578	(R)
Next 1,200 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 1.815	(R)
Over 2,700 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 2.087	(R)
Service Charge:		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 14.45	(R)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	21.65	(R)
For 1-inch meter.....	36.10	(R)
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	72.25	(R)
For 2-inch meter.....	116.00	(R)
For 3-inch meter.....	217.00	(R)
For 4-inch meter.....	361.00	(R)
For 6-inch meter.....	722.00	(R)
For 8-inch meter.....	1,156.00	(R)
For 10-inch meter.....	1,662.00	(R)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
- Pursuant to Decision 07-05-041, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation expense balance as of December 31, 2005, A surcharge of \$0.089 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until July 26, 2017 or until the SMWRBA is fully recovered, whichever is sooner. The revenue from the surcharge will be applied to the Santa Maria Water Rights Balancing Account.
- Pursuant to Decision No. 10-12-059, a surcharge of \$0.033 per Ccf will be applied to all metered customer bills excluding customers that are receiving the CARW credit. This surcharge will offset the CARW credits and CARW administrative program costs recorded in the CARW Balancing Account.
- As authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission, \$0.05462 per Ccf is to be credited to the Quantity Rate for a period of 12 months, beginning on the effective date of Advice Letter 1433-W, which is February 24, 2011. This credit will refund the overcollection in the CARW Balancing Account, as of December 31, 2010. CARW customers are exempt from this credit.
- As authorized by the California Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.04709 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a 12-month period, from the effective date of Advice Letter 1434-W, which is February 24, 2011. This surcharge will recover the undercollection in the Supply Expense Balancing Account.
- As authorized by the California Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.088 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for 36-months from the effective date of Advice Letter 1440-W, which is March 8, 2011. This surcharge will recover the undercollection in the WRAM/MCBA Balancing Accounts, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2010.

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Decision No. 10-12-059

President

Resolution No. _____

GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY

630 E. FOOTHILL BLVD. - P. O. BOX 9016

SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA 91773-9016

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 6176-W*

Canceling Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 6151-W

Schedule No. SM-1-NR
Santa Maria District
NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water services except those covered under SM-1-R.

TERRITORY

Within the established Santa Maria District, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County.

RATES

	Per Meter Per Month	
Quantity Rates:		
For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 1.510	(I)
Service Charge:		
For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 17.80	(I)
For 3/4-inch meter.....	26.70	(I)
For 1-inch meter.....	44.50	(I)
For 1-1/2-inch meter.....	89.00	(I)
For 2-inch meter.....	142.00	(I)
For 3-inch meter.....	267.00	(I)
For 4-inch meter.....	445.00	(I)
For 6-inch meter.....	890.00	(I)
For 8-inch meter.....	1,424.00	(I)
For 10-inch meter.....	2,047.00	(I)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF.
2. Pursuant to Decision 07-05-041, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation expense balance as of December 31, 2005, a surcharge of \$0.089 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until July 26, 2017 or until the SMWRBA is fully recovered, whichever is sooner. The revenue from the surcharge will be applied to the Santa Maria Water Rights Balancing Account.
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6. As authorized by the California Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.091 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for 36-months from the effective date of Advice Letter 1440-W, which is March 8, 2011. This Surcharge will recover the undercollection in the WRAM/MCBA Balancing Accounts, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2010.

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Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 6177-W*

Canceling Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 6152-W

Schedule No. SM-3ML
Santa Maria District

LIMITED METERED IRRIGATION SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to metered irrigation water service.

TERRITORY

The unincorporated area known as Lake Marie Ranches located in the former Lake Marie Service Area.

RATES

Quantity Rates:

For all water delivered, per 100 cu. ft..... \$ 0.968 (R)

Service Charge:

		Per Meter	
		<u>Per Month</u>	
For	3/4-inch meter.....	\$ 48.25	(R)
For	1-inch meter.....	54.20	(R)
For	3-inch meter.....	128.00	(R)

The Service Charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered service and to which is added the charge for water used computed at the Quantity Rates.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. A customer desiring to obtain water deliveries under this schedule must first obtain a written permit from the utility, with service limited to existing customers as of December 31, 1986.
2. The utility will supply only such water at such pressure as may be available from time to time as a result of its normal operations.
3. All bills are subject to the reimbursement fee set forth on Schedule No. UF
4. Pursuant to Decision 07-05-041, to recover the Santa Maria Water Rights Litigation expense balance as of December 31, 2005, a surcharge of \$0.089 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate and is subject to recalibration annually until July 26, 2017 or until the SMWRBA is fully recovered, whichever is sooner. The revenue from the surcharge will be applied to the Santa Maria Water Rights Balancing Account.
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7. As authorized by the California Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.04709 per Ccf is to be added to the quantity rate for a 12-month period, from the effective date of Advice Letter 1434-W, which is February 24, 2011. This surcharge will recover the undercollection in the Supply Expense Balancing Account.
8. As authorized by the California Utilities Commission, an amount of \$0.010 per Ccf is to be credited to the quantity rate for 36-months from the effective date of Advice Letter 1440-W, which is March 8, 2011. This surcredit will refund the over-collection in the MCBA Balancing Account for the period January 1 through December 31, 2010.

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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DIVISION OF WATER AND AUDITS Advice Letter Cover Sheet	(Date Filed / Received Stamp by CPUC)
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AL # 1465-WA	Date Mailed to Service List: 12/1/2011	Requested Effective Date: 1/1/2012	Requested Tier: Tier 1
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Replacing AL#: 1465-W	Authorized by: D.10-12-059	Compliance Filing? Yes	Rate Impact	\$ -27,800	% -0.3
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<u>The public has 20 days from Date Mailed (above) to protest this advice letter. If you chose to protest or respond to the advice letter, send Protest and/or Correspondence within 20 days to:</u>	Director Division of Water and Audits 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102
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<u>and if you have email capability, also email to:</u>	water_division@cpuc.ca.gov
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<u>Your protest also must be served on the Utility</u>	(see attached advice letter for more information and grounds for protest)
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Company Name: Golden State Water Company	CPUC Utility Number: WTA <u>133-W</u>
Address: 630 East Foothill Blvd.	WTB _____
City, State, Zip: San Dimas, CA 91773	WTC _____
	WTD _____
	SWR _____

	Contact Name:	Phone No.	Fax No.	Email Address:
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Alternate	Keith Switzer	909-394-3600 ext. 759	909-394-7427	kswitzer@gswater.com

Description:

- Advice letter is in compliance with D. 10-12-059.
- Advice letter proposes a rate change of \$-27,800 for Escalation Year 2012 in Santa Maria, effective 1/1/12.
- n/a

(FOR CPUC USE ONLY)

WTS Budget/Activity/Type	Process as: <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 3
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Project Manager:	Suspended on:
Analyst:	Extended on:
Due Date:	Resolution No.:
Completion Date:	AL/Tariff Effective Date: